

**TESH:**

*Community Response to Large-Scale  
Emergencies and Disasters:  
Considerations for Registered Nurses  
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### Community Response to Large-scale Disasters – Objectives:

- Identify key precautions and education points on disaster readiness for personnel in large facilities with children.
- Identify the community-level and state-level responses that may be triggered by a disaster or large-scale emergency.
- Discuss case study examples of how community facilities such as schools are utilized in disaster or large-scale emergency response.
- Identify strategies and resources for individual and family preparedness, with emphasis on preparedness of the responder-nurse.



Asking the big questions...  
one at a time...

### Founded in 2001

The Lincoln Metropolitan Medical Response System (LMMRS) Region includes 14 counties in southeastern Nebraska. LMMRS functions as a regional voluntary consortium of Medical, Emergency Management and Public Health agencies. Currently its primary goals are focused on pre-hospital medical preparedness and medical response and public health disaster recovery capabilities.



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### Who Manages LMMRS?

- LMMRS Participation is Managed by the Coordinator and Nebraska Emergency Management Grants Manager.
- The position is supervised by the Manager of the Health Data and Evaluation Division of the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department.

### Lincoln Metropolitan Medical Response System Strategic Plan Review

#### Executive Summary

##### Vision:

The Lincoln MMRS Operational Area is prepared to respond to any catastrophic event.

##### Mission Statement:

To create and enhance plans, acquire equipment and pharmaceuticals, develop training, and conduct exercises necessary to respond to any mass casualty event or other catastrophic incident.

## Goals of the Strategic Plan

- Establish linkages among emergency responders, medical treatment resources, public health officials, emergency management, volunteer organizations and other responding personnel and organizations.
- Reduce morbidity and mortality of catastrophic incidents through all-hazards planning, equipment and pharmaceutical acquisition, training and exercising.
- Support all elements of planning, response and recovery that are specifically targeted by the Lincoln MMRS Steering Committee, within the Target Capabilities List, National Preparedness Goals, National Planning Scenarios, and the MMRS Development Plan.
- Ensure, to the extent possible, the integration and compatibility of the Lincoln MMRS with other Homeland Security preparedness grant programs and U.S. Health and Human Services preparedness grant programs.
- Plan, design, execute and disseminate training, exercises, educational sessions and materials for emergency responders, medical personnel, government workers, educational institutions, and the general public.

## Infrastructure Readiness

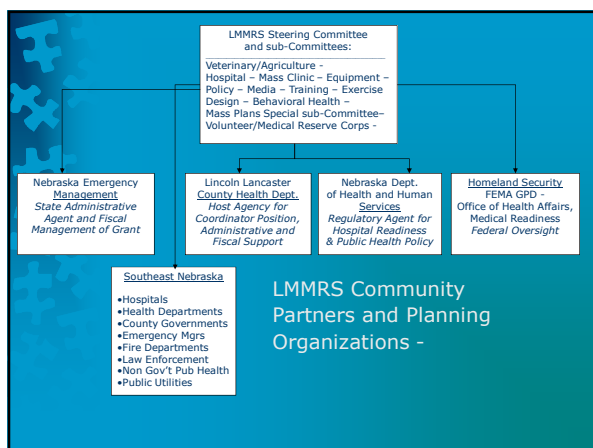
- The City of Lincoln received a contract for the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) in September 2001. The Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department is the lead agency for coordinating all of the activities amongst its partners.
- The mission of LMMRS is to prepare the local medical community by working in partnerships with public health, fire, law enforcement, major businesses, government entities and community organizations of the city of Lincoln and surrounding communities for an integrated medical response to any disaster, including those that could result from terrorism.

## The Steering Committee

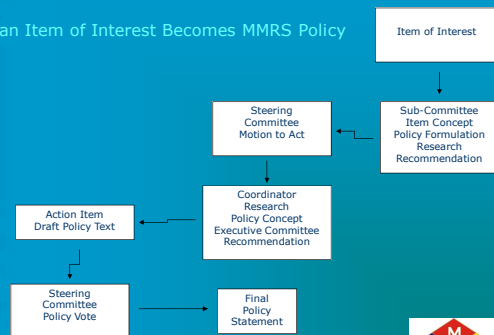
- Leaders within the participating agencies of the LMMRS form the Steering Committee.
- These participant organizations would respond to any major event in a collaborative fashion.
- As a primarily planning-type group, all policies and procedures employed within the group are of course in accordance with the policies of the various State, Federal and other regulatory bodies to which they are accountable.
- The challenge is to fulfill local and professional, moral and ethical obligations while also maintaining a regional planning perspective.

## Targeting Capabilities

- The LMMRS Steering Committee meets monthly to plan how best to activate its various member organizations via multidisciplinary collaborations in order to respond to threats and hazards of all kinds in the most effective manner available to the region.
- The LMMRS Steering Committee and its sub-Committees strive to adhere to the Target Capabilities List (TCL). While the threat of a domestic terrorist attack demands a planned, safe, timely, and effective local coordinated response to minimize damage, protect lives, and safeguard property, the MMRS seeks guidance from the vision of the National Preparedness Goal through the State Homeland Security Strategy.



## How an Item of Interest Becomes MMRS Policy



## What is the Difference Between LMMRS and SEMRS ?

- SEMRS Funding is through grants provided from a cooperative agreement between the US Department of Health and Human Services and NE. Dept HHS
- LMMRS Funding is from US Dept. of Homeland Security and Managed by Office of Health Affairs, FEMA and a NEMA Grants Manager

## Lincoln MMRS Committees- Recent Documented Primary focus areas for Mass Casualty Response Capabilities

				LMMRS Steering Committee
				MMRS Planning Oversight Assessment
SEMRS Liaison sub-Committee	Hospital sub-Committee	Behavioral Health sub-Committee	Volunteer sub-Committee	
MMRS Planning Oversight Patient care	Facility Preparedness Patient Care	General Response Mental Health SEMRS Joint Committee	General Response Patient Care SEMRS Joint Committee	
Mass Clinic sub-Committee	Equipment sub-Committee	Training sub-Committee	Veterinary/Agricultural sub-Committee	
Pandemic Influenza Readiness Patient care	Material Preparedness Assessment	Management of Emergency Response Exercises Patient Care	Management of Emergency Response Planning Oversight	
Policy sub-Committee	Media sub-Committee	Special Mass Plans sub-Committee	Mortuary sub-Committee	
MMRS Functional Assessment	Public Information/Relations Public Health SEMRS Joint Committee	Short-Term Mass Planning Coordination Public Health	Planning Fatality Mgmt SEMRS Joint Committee	

## LMMRS Collaborations

Accountability	Operative Functions	Membership
Reports to Office of Health Affairs	MMRS Coordinator Quarterly Reports	National MMRS Planning Group (Mission Statement Group)
Reports to Nebraska Emergency Mgmt Agency	MMRS Coordinator Quarter and Annual Reports	FEMA Region VII MMRS Group (Co-Chair Quarterly Meetings)
Reports to LLCHD Dir. via Health Data Division Mgr.	Pub. Health ERC for Lancaster County Weekly and Monthly Reports	Coordinator LMMRS
Reports to Nebr. Dept. HHS Hospital Preparedness	Nebr. MRS Coordinators Monthly Reports	Steering Committee (Acting Chair)
Reports to Nebr. Dept. HHS Public Health Division	Lancaster County Health Dept. Emergency Response Coordinator Annual Reports	Nebr. MRS Working Group
		Southeast Nebr. Public Health Emergency Response Coordinators Group



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